

LETTERS WRITTEN BY BELLE GUNNESS

Show Methods Murderers Used
To Alay Suspicions of Rela-
tives of Her Victims.

HER WICKEDNESS WONDERFUL

With Andrew Helgelein's Dissem-
bered Body in Her Private Grave-
yard Wrote to His Brother.

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 16.—Prosecutor Smith today played another trump card, when, with A. K. Helgelein of Aberdeen, S. D., on the stand, he offered in evidence and read to the jury copies of three letters written by Mrs. Belle Gunness to the witness during March and April this year, in which references to "that crazy Lamphere" are made. These letters portray the methods em- ployed by the archmurderess to alay the suspicions of the relatives of per- sons she had murdered. Even with Andrew Helgelein lying dismembered in her private burying ground, she was asking his brother to come to Laporte to investigate and bring plenty of money with him.

STAR WITNESS' STORY.

A. K. Helgelein was the star witness today. He told of his anxiety over the disappearance of his brother, and that in reply to his first letter of inquiry to Mrs. Gunness he received the fol- lowing:

"Laporte, Ind., March 27, 1908.
"Mr. Axel W. Helgelein:
"I have your recent letter in which you wish to know where your brother Andrew keeps himself. Well, that is just what I would like to know.

"He came here about the middle of January. When he left here he said he wanted to find his brother. He thought he was in Chicago, or New York, or possibly had gone to Norway. He wanted to spend some time with us when he returned. When he heard in Chicago, he said he would be there so short a time that I need not write. I have neither seen nor heard from him since then. I saw a man who said he had gone to South Dakota about the 10th of January.

"BELLE GUNNESS.
"This letter did not allay the suspi- cions of Mr. Helgelein, and so he wrote again, receiving the following reply:

"Laporte, Ind., April 11, 1908.
"Mr. Axel K. Helgelein:

"Your letter I have received some days ago, but have not been able to answer in regard to your brother, An- drew. I have tried every way to find some trace of him. The man who told me he is in Chicago, or New York, or possibly had gone to Norway, who worked for me for a while. He said he had heard it from some one he knew in Mansfield, and had also probably told them about the \$10,000. I knew right away that it was a lie. But this Lamphere began to find so many wrong things to talk about until I felt that I must be ar- rested him, and they had three doctors to examine him and see if he was right. They found him not quite crazy enough to put in a hospital. But perfectly sane he is not. Others have told me that Lamphere was jealous of Andrew and for that reason troubled me this way. The reason An- drew was looking for his brother, Lamphere told me, was that both of them left Aberdeen the same day and that there was some trouble with a man they had found dead there. An- drew had sent to him a lot of money when he was there.

"Some of this I got for a mortgage which he had made over to him and a lot of cash money. He had a lot of checks, but as far as I know I think they were all payable to him. I know he had other valuable papers. I knew he had the mortgage he got from me and a lot of others. He did not say anything to me in regard to the farm or creatures, but I think it would be best for you to sell the farm and cre- atures as soon as you can and come here in May. When Andrew comes up there again, which he will no doubt, come some time, be sure, and do not tell him that I told you this. I must now do the best thing to do. We hope that all will come out right. I think it is "the hell-murdered Lam- phere who has started it all.

"BELLE GUNNESS."

PROFESSES WONDERMENT.

Following a third inquiry came this letter from the archmurderess:

"Laporte, Ind., April 24, 1908.
"Mr. A. K. Helgelein:

"It is a wonder to me, as well as to you, where Andrew keeps himself. It is very strange that the man should go away with his belongings. How- ever, I will tell you all that I know and you can be sure that I am telling you the truth. I can't remember the ac- curate day he left Laporte, but it was

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either the 15th or 16th of January.

He went by way of Michigan City. Two or three days afterwards I had a letter from him from Chicago, say- ing that he had hunted for his brother but did not find him. If he could not find him he would go to New York and find out if he had gone to Norway. If such was the case, I think he would go to Norway, too. You speak of sending me money with which to discover what has become of Andrew. If I thought this would be of any use, I could not go and do the inquiring, so it would be useless to send any. I assure you that I will go all I can. If you will take a trip down here to see what you can do in this case, I will be glad to see you.

"BELLE GUNNESS."

The correspondence between A. K. Helgelein and the First National bank, was also offered in evidence. Cashier Piner having identified a photograph of Andrew Helgelein as the man who came to the bank with Mrs. Gunness early in January and drew \$2,000. Mrs. Gunness is supposed to have murdered Helgelein on Jan. 14.

John Ross, a cousin of Lamphere, testified that on the morning of the 28th, Lamphere came to his place, about three and a half miles north- east of the Gunness farm, shortly before 6 o'clock, to borrow a gun. He told him that he had seen the Gun- ness house burning. Ross, who knew of the Gunness-Lamphere troubles, told Lamphere he would probably be "pulled." John Westbrook, for whom Lamphere was working, and with whom he had come from the fire, testi- fied that Lamphere appeared at his place at 6:30 a. m. April 28, and told of seeing a fire, which he learned was the Gunness house.

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A PECULIAR WRENCH

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NEGRO BOY CONFESSES TO KILLING NEGRO BOY

Hamilton, Ga., Nov. 17.—Gene Bou- bell, a 16-year-old negro, confessed to killing Ernest Walsh, 12 years old, also colored, beating him on the head with a rock and throwing the body in to a creek after robbing it of \$2. The murdered boy was enticed into the woods.

SAMUEL GOMPERS WILL GO TO JAIL

If Found Guilty of Contempt and
Before He Will Pay
Any Fine.

WON'T LET FEDERATION PAY IT

Declares That Under Sherman Anti-
Trust Law Honest Business
Cannot be Conducted.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 16.—President Samuel Gompers, at the afternoon ses- sion of the convention of the American Federation of Labor today, declared that if he were found guilty and fined in the contempt proceedings pending against him at Washington, he would go to jail before he would pay his fine or allow the federation to pay it for him.

This statement was made by Mr. Gompers during the discussion of the report of the committee on the treas- urer's report. The committee recom- mended that immediately following the adjournment of the convention the ex- ecutive council shall take up the pro- position of placing its funds where they may be removed from danger of attachment. This report brought out a political discussion in which several members declared themselves in favor of the formation of an independent po- litical party.

FEDERATION FUNDS.

Treasurer John B. Lennon said he had discussed the matter of safeguard- ing the funds with good attorneys and they all agreed that it was im- possible without resulting at some time in perjury by some person. Sev- eral suggestions were made from the floor, one being that the funds be deposited in Canada, and another that certificates of deposit be taken out in some foreign bank.

D. G. Ramsey of the Electrical Workers was applauded when he de- clared, "We had a chance to place our funds beyond the reach of those who would take them, but we let it pass on Nov. 3. The only way to protect our money is to change the law." Mr. Gompers warned the delegates that if a way were found to hide the funds, "the courts would thereafter appoint a receiver, not necessarily to secure in some way the hidden funds, but to get the money being contribu- ted."

DANBURY HAT CASE.

By request Mr. Gompers explained the status of the Danbury hat case. The lower courts held that there was no case under the Sherman anti-trust act, but the United States supreme court had reversed this decision and remanded the case to the lower court for re-trial. Continuing, he said:

"By standing in the way of the courts of law, the matter of the ap- plication of the Sherman anti-trust law to unions has reached final ad- justment by the United States supreme court. No matter how the Danbury case is decided, that will not alter the status one jot. The United States supreme court has said the final ad- justment of this country is that la- bor organizations of this country are now conspiracies and combinations in restraint of trade.

"Under the Sherman anti-trust law honest business cannot be conducted, much less honest, straightforward labor organizations.

WILL NOT PAY FINE.

"Referring to the case against me in the District of Columbia, I want to say I will never consent that the American Federation of Labor shall ever pay one cent of any fine for me. I don't want to go to jail, but I will not tamely sub- mit to the federation being mulcted for me. I am not pleading poverty, but if I had the means I would not use them in payment of any fine imposed on me for exercising my rights as an American citizen."

Max Hayes of Cleveland made a So- cialistic speech, he suggested to the formation of a labor party. He criticized the Democratic platform, and in regard to that portion which says: "We yield to no one our right to the courts." Mr. Hayes declared he had no respect for the courts.

President Gompers again took the floor to reply to Mr. Hayes. He said the position taken by Mr. Hayes was illogical, and declared that the deci- sions of the supreme court had but one object, namely to "ride the union la- bor to their work, to cripple the men of labor in their right to work, or their right not to work." That was the proposition, he declared.

PERFECT OF DECISIONS.

"These decisions," he said, "will re- sult in fettering men today in order to enslave them for all time to come. The rights which the courts took from the workers of Great Britain caused the formation of the labor party, and having secured their rights to organi- ze, they have continued and will con- tinue to do so.

In the first place, I am not in love with the Democratic party; second, I am not a Democrat, and third, I am confident I never will be a Democrat. I owe allegiance to no party. I am a trade unionist. May the trade union- ists always be right, but whether right or wrong, I am with the trade union- ists."

This declaration was received with cheers. "No man has denounced the Demo- cratic party more than I," Mr. Gom- pers continued, "but when the Demo- cratic party made our contentions its own, it would not only have been in- gratitude but cowardice to desert them. If Bryan had been elected with the hosts of organized labor back of him, it would have given spirit to hu- man freedom."

John H. Walker, president of the Il- linois Mine Workers, who said he was a Socialist, declared for the forma- tion of a political organization. "The report of the committee on the treasurer's report, with its recom- mendations, was unanimously con- curred in."

A large number of resolutions on la- bels, referred to the committee on la- bels, were reported and adopted. They referred to the use of the union la- bel.

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GREAT VICTORY WON FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Chicago, Nov. 17.—The greatest vic- tory in the history of 40 years' agita- tion for equal suffrage in Illinois, was won yesterday. The charter commit- tee by a vote of six to four adopted a resolution introduced by Alderman Milton J. Foreman, declaring for a bill giving women the right to vote for all municipal offices and on all questions of policy which have to do with the municipality.

The bill will be drafted by the com- mittee, submitted to the Chicago char-

ter convention, and if approved, will go to the legislature. Like the charter, it will be subject to adoption by popu- lar vote before going into effect.

EDITOR PATRICK FORD'S VISIT STILL UNDECIDED

New York, Nov. 17.—Patrick Ford, editor of the Irish World, of New York, who was the subject of an attack in the house of commons yesterday as his rumored approaching visit to Eng- land, with O'Meara Condon, was dis- cussed, announces that he has not de- finitely decided on the proposed visit. He said that his plans are merely ten- ative. He said that the attack in the commons during which he was refer- ring as "an advocate of the use of dy- namite," and condemned as a "man who had been sentenced to death for the murder of an English policeman," was probably caused by a recent speech of John Redmond in which Redmond hoped that they would make the con- templated visit.

THE JUNE BUG.

Attempt Will be Made to Start Aero-
plane from Surface of Water.

New York, Nov. 17.—An aeroplane flight with the start made from the surface of the water, is to be tried this week at Lake Keuka, near Ham- mondsport, N. Y. The aeroplane "June Bug," of Prof. Alexander Graham Bell will be used for the experiment. Un- der the frame will be attached two boat-like arms upon which the flier will float until two 50 horsepower engines which will be set in motion, give it momentum enough to rise from the water. The possibility of airships lighting on a sea, river or lake and being unable to ascend again has prompted these experiments. If suc- cessful they will provide an aeroplane serviceable for use on warships as is desired by the navy department.

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OHIO STATE TREASURER.

Discrepancy Discovered Shows Green,
Rep., Carried Cuyahoga Co.

Columbus, O., Nov. 17.—Word reached Columbus last night that a discrepancy had been discovered in the vote of Cuyahoga county. Green, Republican candidate for state treasurer, by the official count, com- mitted, is given Cuyahoga county by \$35. Unofficial returns had given the county to Vramer, by 4,789.

The change, according to the expert accountants at the state house who have been keeping close tabs, means that the state treasurer result will be determined by 100 votes either way. Democratic State Chairman Finley says Cramer's election is assured. Clerical errors are said to be re- sponsible for the discrepancy, an- nounced at Cleveland.

DEAD OF SPIDER BITE.

New York, Nov. 17.—Medicine and surgery failed to save the life of William P. Frae of this city, after he was bitten on the hand by a spider. Blood poisoning was a result, and the cause of his death. Frae was the superintendent of a storage warehouse in Westches- ter, and was cleaning the insect while cleaning a room in the warehouse. The wound seemed to heal soon, but subse- quently blood poisoning set in, and though an operation was performed, he succumbed.

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